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In re Application of:

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For: AUTOMATIC CONTRAST FOCUSING
WITH THREE OPTICAL PATHS

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

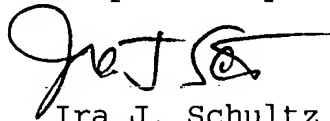
Attached hereto is a Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 USC 371, mailed June 27, 2002. The missing requirement is alleged to be an improper translation of the application into English, on the basis that "[t]he text in the drawings has not been properly translated."

Also attached hereto is a copy of the drawings as filed upon entry into the National phase. On each page of the drawings, there is a translation of the German terminology. In particular, in Figure 1, the term "objektiv" has been translated at the bottom of the page as "lens, objective" and

the term "scharfebene" has been translated as "sharpness level." In Figure 2, the term "Kontrast" has been translated as "contrast."

Accordingly, the text in the drawings has been properly translated and the translation of the application is therefore not defective. Specific withdrawal of the Notification of Missing Requirements is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ira J. Schultz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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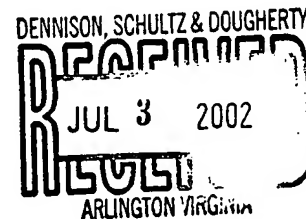
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Assignee Statement
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- English Translation of the IA
- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments



The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. The current translation of the application into English is defective as described below.
 - The text in the drawings has not been properly translated.
- Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN

ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Small Entity:

- **\$130** for English translation surcharge required.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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